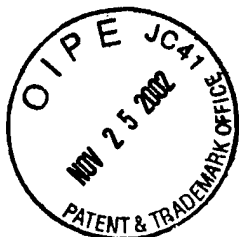


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 20, 2002, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-17 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,088,702 to Plantz et al ("the '702 patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,790 to Smith et al ("the '790 patent"), further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,301,592 to Aoyama et al ("the '592 patent"), further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,438,661 to Ogawa et al ("the '661 patent"), and further in view of Adobe Acrobat Review, Adobe Acrobat 3.0, 1993 ("Adobe Acrobat 3.0"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

All the claims of the present application require, among other elements, documents in portable document file ("PDF") format, a proofer identifier, and retrieving and formatting documents for simultaneous display. In addition, Claims 1, 17 and 22 further require a system that assigns various version numbers to a document.

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